District Registrars. In regard to appointment of District Registrars, the present policy of Government is to appoint only graduates or graduates-in-law.

Scale of Registration fees—Reduction in.

82. Mr. K. S. Manickam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the scale of registration fees up to Rs. 100 before 1103;

(b) what is the present scale of registration fee up to Rs. 100;

(c) when was the change made and what were the reasons;

(d) was any reduction in the income noticed as a result of the change;

(e) if so, what is the actual percentage of reduction noticed in the three years succeeding the introduction of the change?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) and (b). A statement containing the required information is appended. *(Vide Appendix II.)*

(c) The change was introduced with effect from 1st Edavam 1103. The table of fees in the Madras Presidency was revised with effect from 1st January 1928. The change was introduced to bring the scale of fees with that prevailing in the Madras Presidency to afford greater relief to the very poor section of the registering public and to encourage registration of documents up to the value of Rs. 100.

(d) Yes.

(e) 1·4 per cent in 1104; 2 per cent in 1105 and 19·5 per cent in 1106.

Head clerks in the Registration Department.

83. Mr. K. S. Manickam.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many grades of Head clerks are there in the Registration Department;

(b) are not they doing the same kind of work;

(c) is there any other department in the Stase in which there are two grades of Head clerks;

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(d) are not the Head clerks of Registry offices called upon to do the duties of his immediate superior, viz., the District Registrar, during the latter's temporary absence;

(e) is there any other department in the State where the Head clerk is statutorily authorised to do the duties of his immediate superior?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) Three.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

Mr. K. S. Manickam.—May I know what is the nature of the difference in the work of the Head Clerks?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The nature of the work of the Head Clerk in the Registration Superintendent's office is different. The question is with regard to all the Head Clerks in the department.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ആൻസർ ഏയിൽ മൂന്ന ഗ്രേഡ് ഉണ്ടെന്ന പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതു ഏതെല്ലാം ഗ്രേഡാണെന്ന പറഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. പി. ചെറിയാൻ.— ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് റജിസ്ട്രാർ ആഫീസിലെ ഹെഡ് ക്ലാക്കിന്റെ ഗ്രേഡ് ഒന്ന്. പിന്നെ 25 - 40, 40-60 ഈ ഗ്രേഡ്കളിൽ ആണ്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— 40-60 ഗ്രേഡിൽ എത്ര ഹെഡ് ക്ലക്മാർ ഉണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. പി. ചെറിയാൻ.— ഒൻപതു്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any difference in the nature of the work done by Head Clerks on 25-40 and Head Clerks on 40-60?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Then what is the reason for the difference in their pay?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—In all departments there are different grades of pay.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— What we want to know is the reason behind the difference in their grade when they are doing identically the same work and going by the same name?

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Mr. M. P. Cherian.—In all departments there is such a difference. For example the Inspectors of the Excise Department are paid in different grades. In all departments there will be different grades of appointment.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is there any difference in the quality and quantity of their work?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— 25 - 40 ഗ്രേഡിൽ എത്ര ഹെഡ് ക്ലാക്ക്മാരുണ്ട്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. പി. ചെറിയാൻ.— പത്തൊൻപതു്.

Economic Survey Report—Action taken on.

84. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they have taken on the Economic Survey Report?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Copies of the reports of the Economic Survey have been forwarded to all Heads of Departments with instructions to submit concrete proposals arising out of the reports relating to the respective departments.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the report of the Superintendent of Economic Survey contain specific recommendations?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The whole report was forwarded to all the Heads of Departments to submit concrete proposals with regard to his department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— My question is whether there were not concrete proposals contained in the report itself?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We have to call for reports from the Heads of Departments also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— That is a different matter. My question is whether the report contains specific proposals of an ameliorative nature in particular areas investigated by him?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Certainly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Did the Government take any action on the proposals?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Am I to understand that they

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